

Please replace the abstract with the following amended abstract:

~~According to a disclosed~~ In a method for protecting a test program, a source file is translated using a primary key owned by a program provider to create a distribution file $[(13)]$ and a secondary key $[(13a)]$ so that an object file of the test program can be created only when the distribution file and the secondary key are used. Further, ~~according to a disclosed LST~~ in an LSI test method, a test pattern $[(25)]$ is created from a source file $[(27)]$ and a scramble format $[(28)]$, to decide whether a signal, sent from an LSI $[(23)]$, of response to the test pattern is right or wrong based on a test plan $[(24)]$.